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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Los Angeles – Driver in Stolen Big Rig Leads CHP On Hours-Long Chase Through Southern California

(U) California Highway Patrol officers in Southern California ended up in a standoff with the driver of a stolen big rig after an hours-long chase that led them through Los Angeles and Ventura counties. The 18-wheeler was reported stolen just after 8 pm on Wednesday. When officers caught up to the vehicle, the driver refused to pull over. A vehicle pursuit ensued north on Interstate 5 through the San Fernando Valley and then west onto Highway 118 into Simi Valley. The driver drove just under the highway speed limit, around 50-60 mph, through much of the freeway chase. By the time the big rig entered the Thousand Oaks area, a successful spike strip maneuver took out at least two of the vehicle's tires. At least nine spike strips were deployed during the chase, but the suspect kept driving despite several of the big rig's tires being completely shredded. On Thursday morning, the big rig stopped on Highway 55 in Santa Ana where the driver refused to get out, prompting a SWAT response.

SOURCE: 4 November 2021, [ABC 30](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – FBI Releases Declassified Documents About September 11 Attacks

(U) Washington – The FBI released hundreds of pages of newly declassified documents Wednesday about its long effort to explore connections between the Saudi government and the September 11th attacks, revealing the scope of a strenuous but ultimately fruitless investigation. The release comes nearly two months after the FBI released a 16-page document unveiling a memo detailing "significant logistic support" that two of the Saudi hijackers received in the US. For years, FBI agents investigated support given to several of the hijackers upon their arrival in the US, focusing on whether three Saudi nationals, including a Saudi Embassy official in Washington, had advance knowledge of the attacks.

SOURCE: 4 November 2021, [CBS](#)

(U) Illinois – Woman Arrested at Chicago O'Hare Airport for Conspiring to Kill Mother and Placing Body in Suitcase

(U) An Illinois woman was arrested today when she arrived at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago, for allegedly murdering her mother on 12 August 2014, while on vacation in Bali, Indonesia. Heather Mack, 26, is alleged to have conspired with her boyfriend, Tommy Schaefer, 28, to kill her mother, Sheila Von Weise, while Mack and Von Weise were on vacation in Bali. According to court documents, Mack and Schaefer conspired how and when to kill Von Weise, arrange for Schaefer to travel to Bali, commit the murder, and then placed Von Weise's body inside a suitcase which they loaded into the trunk of a taxi. Before the murder, Schaefer received advice from his cousin, Ryan Bibbs, about how to kill Von Weise. Bibbs pleaded guilty in the Northern District of Illinois in December 2016 to one count of conspiracy to commit foreign murder of a US national. Court documents reveal that Mack also asked Bibbs if he knew anyone who would kill her mother in exchange for money.

SOURCE: 4 November 2021, [DOJ](#)

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(U) Ohio – Fire at West Toledo Abortion Clinic Ruled Arson

(U) Toledo police detectives and the city's Fire Investigation Unit are inspecting a fire that broke out Sunday night at an abortion clinic. Just after 10 p.m., firefighters responded to reported flames on an electrical box outside the Capital Care of Toledo Ohio on West Sylvania Avenue. They put out the flames after a Toledo Edison crew deenergized the building's wiring. Investigators found evidence of an accelerant and ruled the incident as aggravated arson. No one was injured and detectives have yet to name any suspects.

SOURCE: 4 November 2021, [NBC 24](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Afghanistan – Senior Taliban Commander Among Dead in Kabul Hospital Attack

(U) A Taliban military commander was killed when his men responded to an Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) suicide bomb and small arms attack on a hospital in the Afghan capital, officials said Wednesday. The Taliban spent 20-years waging an insurgency against the ousted US-backed government before seizing control of Kabul in August. Now they face the struggle of bringing stability to Afghanistan, which has been hit in recent weeks by a series of bloody assaults claimed by rivals, the Islamic State-Khorasan (ISIS-K). At least 19 people were killed in Tuesday's attack on Kabul's main military hospital, according to a health ministry official who did not want to be named. Hamdullah Mokhlis, a member of the hard-line Haqqani network and an officer in the Badri Corps special forces, is the most senior figure to have been killed since the Taliban seized Kabul.

SOURCE: 4 November 2021, [AFP](#)

(U) Syria – ISIS Militants Stepping Up Attacks in Eastern, Central Syria

(U) According to local reports, militants linked to the ISIS terror group have stepped up their attacks in eastern and central Syria in recent days. The local North Press Agency reports that at least two Syrian government soldiers were killed Monday in an attack carried out by suspected ISIS fighters near the ancient town of Palmyra in central Syria. The militants reportedly targeted a checkpoint guarded by Syrian army soldiers from the 4th Division, concealing themselves behind a seized military vehicle. Local news reports say at least seven Syrian government soldiers and Iranian-backed militiamen were killed two days prior in two separate ISIS attacks in eastern Syria. ISIS militants continue to undertake massive attacks against their opponents in Syria and Iraq, despite losing nearly all of the land they once controlled.

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